

Home and Community Based Services – Waiver Settings Transition Project

Advisory Taskforce Meeting

December 9, 2015 – 10am to 12 noon

Minutes

1. Review of Draft Statewide Transition Plan – the draft STP was sent to all ATF members which included a summary of the assessment data. The agenda was to focus on discussing and developing goals and remediation steps.

Comments included:

- Section II – Overview of HCBS Waivers in NH: under the DD/ABD waiver descriptions related to He-M 525, He-M 521, and under the CFI waiver He-P 818, He-P 813, He-P 804 and He-P 805, all areas considered in compliance since the services are home-based, we need to add a reference and process for ensuring these sites are not isolating.
- Section III, A. 3. Review of Existing Processes: Comments included a fuller description of the Ombudsman's Office role, the addition of NH Legal Assistance and Brain Injury Association, and additional information about People First and their role as a self-advocacy group in NH.
- Section III, B. DD/ABD Settings, a. participation in activities: Remediation recommendations/discussion – needs to include training, education, quality of activities, include what it means to be a quality activity (list) in the tool kit, engage with community resources (i.e. libraries), focus on the person and what they want first – not just activity for the sake of activity, train people to ask the right questions, find ways to encourage people to do things that they don't think/know they can do or outside their comfort zone.
- Section III, B. DD/ABD Settings, c. community employment: Remediation recommendations/discussion - dive deeper in jobs offered and wanted, BDS committed to goals in this area, providers need to better define opportunities, all about consumer choice.
- Section III, B. CFI Settings: Remediation recommendations/discussion – Need to integrate infrastructure and support for DD/ABD systems, strengths, and opportunities with CFI settings/services. Under Area Agency system?? Share the wealth. Use systems in DD/ABD world to strengthen CFI world. Funding for services needs to be included in report. CFI assisted living rate is \$49/day = \$17,885/year. How to we include role of CFI case manager more like DD/ABD service coordinator? Review medical model for assisted living – need model more like DD/ABD to support needs other than ADLs. Transportation – need to improve in order to access community activities. Eligibility for nursing home level of care – does that lead to assisted living models that focus on ADL and medical care vs. access to community and person centeredness. Possibly use Area Agency Human Rights Committees to review plans for people in Assisted Living settings.

Addresses individual plan issues for safety. CFI representative raised concern about adding significant additional expectations without additional funding. Small settings will close with residents ending up in nursing home (unintended consequence).

The Waiver Transition Team will develop goals and remediation steps and timelines for the DD/ABD and CFI waivers for inclusion in the draft STP. ATF members can submit written comments to WTT.

2. Timelines and communications

The following are draft timelines for submission of the STP to CMS:

12/18/15 – final draft to DHHS

1/6/16 – final draft approved by DHHS

1/13/16 – review draft with Advisory Task Force

1/18 – 2/19/16 – public comment period (33 days)

2/21-3/25/16 – respond to public comments and finalize plan

3/31/16 – submit plan to CMS

3. Next meeting: January 13, 2016 - IOD